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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a senior homeowner and consumer who strongly supports continued broadband competition. We chose to use Sonic.net as soon as they brought the fiber network to our neighborhood for our internet and telephone services because of their wonderful customer service and very competitive pricing.

When we used ATT, we did not have internet service because of the high cost. Our land line phone bill alone was \$60 or \$70 per month, depending on how long I spoke to friends and family. Any time I had to call ATT customer service, it was a nightmare of confusion and delays with very poor results.

Now with Sonic, we have fast fiber internet and internet phone for \$40 per month. I have saved \$210 a year. I can talk as long as I want to anywhere in the world and be connected to the internet for one very low price! I love their patient customer support service - they have helped me troubleshoot step by step and learn to reset the modem, which I never imagined I could do.

The broadband competition that we now have has allowed us to chose an affordable way to be connected to family, friends and the world via broadband internet.

Without this broadband competition, we could not afford to continue this lifeline to the world. Do not deregulate this rule.

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